

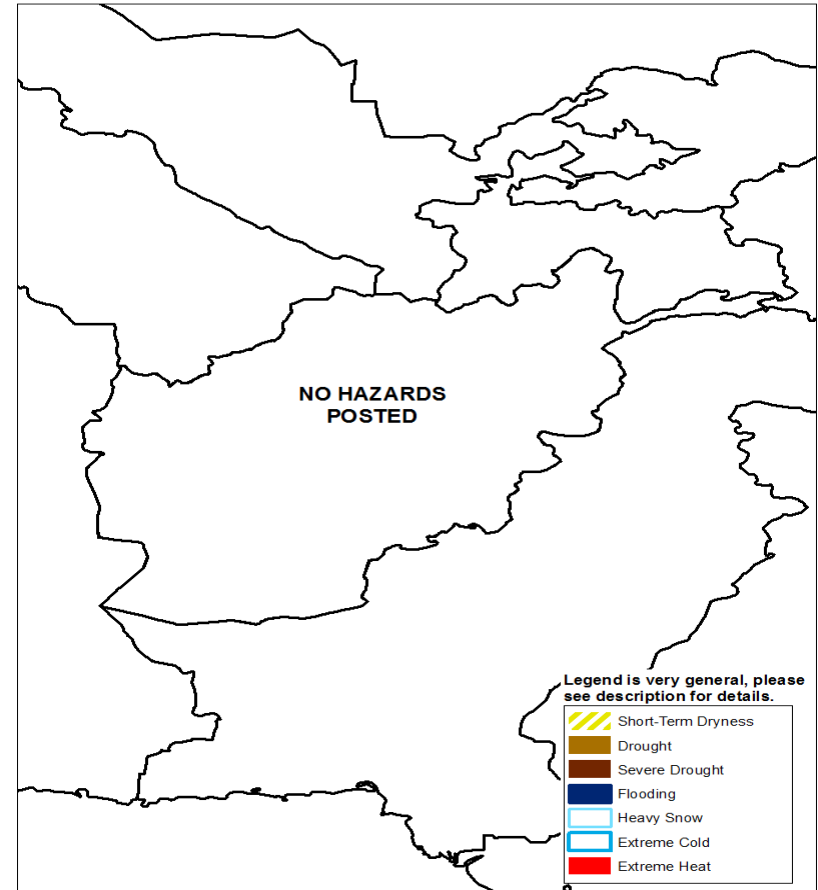
## Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET March 7 – March 13, 2012

### **Temperatures:**

Below average temperatures have persisted across much of Afghanistan this winter. From February 21-29, the largest negative temperature anomalies (around 8°C) were observed over the central portions of the country. Smaller negative anomalies (4-8°C) occurred in the northeast. Temperatures are expected to be below normal during the beginning and middle of the period before a moderation in temperatures can be expected by the end of the observation period. Localized areas in the central highlands and northeast mountains could observe minimum temperatures below -20°C during the next week. However, the moderation in temperature should preclude the addition of an extreme cold hazard.

### **Precipitation**

During the past week, localized light rain and high-elevation snow continued across the northern border of Afghanistan. Dry weather can be expected during most of the next seven days, although, a period of rain and mountain snow is forecast across the north and northeast of Afghanistan during the very beginning and ending of the observation period. Heavy precipitation is not anticipated.



**Note: The Hazards outlook map is based on current weather/climate information, short and medium range weather forecasts (up to 1 week), and assesses their potential impact on crop and pasture conditions. Shaded polygons are added in areas where anomalous conditions have been observed. The boundaries of these polygons are only approximate at this continental scale. This product does not reflect long range seasonal climate forecasts or indicate current or projected food security conditions.**

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